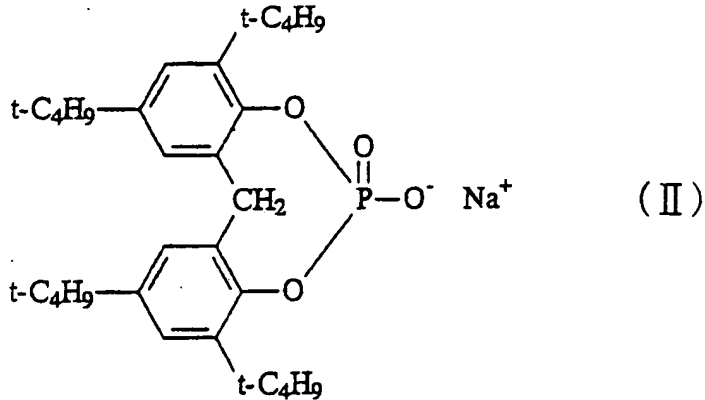


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REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

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3. (Amended) The nucleating agent according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the metal represented by A is an alkali metal.

4. (Amended) The nucleating agent according to [any one of claims 1 through 3] claim 1 wherein the compound represented by formula (I) is a compound represented by formula (II)[.]:

